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SURJ : DAUD REGIME TAKES STRONG STANCE ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

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SUMMARY: I MET WITH SAMAD GHAS, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

AND UN AFFAIRS, MEA, ON AUGUST 4, IN THE OFFICE OF WAHID ABDULLAH

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. GHAS AND ABDULLAH ASSURED ME THAT

PRESIDENT DAUD STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT AND IS

PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION ON A WIDE FRONT. END SUMMARY.

1. SAMAD GHAS, REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT DAUD HAD REQUESTED AND
RECEIVED A FULL BRIEFING ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED PRO-
GRAMS FROM GHAS. THE PRESIDENT GAVE WHOLEHEARTED APPROVAL FOR
THE PROPOSED ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT, TOLD GHAS TO GO AHEAD WITH
THE PLANS AND TO KEEP HIM PERSONALLY INFORMED. DAUD, ACCORDING
GHAS, IS AWARE THAT PROGRAM, TO BE SUCCESSFUL, MUST HAVE PUBLIC

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4. I POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE TWO THINGS GOVERNMENT COULD
DO IMMEDIATELY AND ON ITS OWN, IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT'S DESIRE
TO TAKE STRONG INITIAL STEPS TO DEMONSTRATE DETERMINATION.

FIRST, GOVERNMENT COULD CRACK DOWN ON KNOWN VIOLATORS; BIG TRAF-
FICKERS WHO ARE POLITICALLY IMPORTANT AND ~~AMONG~~ AGAINST WHOM PREVIOUS
GOVERNMENT HAD FAILED TO ACT. IN ADDITION, INDIVIDUALS IN PRE-

VIOUS GOVERNMENT SOMETIMES LEAKED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TO

TRAFFICKERS AND THIS MUST BE STOPPED. SECOND, GOVERNMENT

COULD JOIN INTERPOL WHICH WOULD GREATLY ASSIST EFFORTS AT

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON DRUG ENFORCEMENT. CHAU'S AGREED

WITH KAE THESE POINTS AND SAID WOULD BE SURE AND PASS THEM ON

TO PRESIDENT.

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